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Brazil + NYC]

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Gordon, John

1910-1925

18th July 1918

141 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Howland Wood Esq
American Humane Society

Dear Sir:

I was unlucky
enough to miss seeing
you when I called.
I wished to get from
you a list of cards
of Brazil that you
are specially desirous
of obtaining.

While I cannot of course
promise to obtain them

I have friends there
who collect; and
they may be willing
to cede duplicates
to me.

While my departure
is not yet fixed, I
may leave here
very shortly.

Yours very truly
John Gordon

July 19, 1918

Mr. John Gordon
141 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I was very sorry not to have seen you when you came up here the other day and trust, if you find time, you will come up again before leaving. My assistant told me about making a list of wants in the Brazilian Series and I have prepared this. Here it is. You will note that we want nearly everything except copper. Before 1834 we are weak in nearly everything. Since that I have given a list of the pieces that we have.

Very truly yours,

Any gold coins except

1/2 Dobra of Maria & Peter 111

10000 reis 1838

10 mil. reis 1856

5 mil. " 1856

20 mil. " 1867

Which we have

Any silver coins before 1800

Any silver smaller than 960 Reis up to 1834

Any silver of Pedro I

Any silver of Pedro II dated 1833 or 34

We have the following only since 1834;

400 Reis	1834	500 Reis	1868
500 "	1851	200 "	1868
2000 "	1852	1000 "	1886
1000 "	1853	2000 "	1897
200 "	1857	2000 "	1900
1000 "	1859	500 "	1906
1500 "	1860	2000 "	1907
500 "	1865	2000 "	1913 Two varieties
200 "	1866	1000 "	1913 " "
		500 "	1913 Stars only

Copper coins wanted

Any with Mint Mark G for Goyaz S. P. and Minas Geras especially the 37 and 75 reis.

Any private tokens and the Rio Grande do Sul pieces.

141 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

20th July 1918

Howland Wood Esq.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for
your letter of Yesterday
and for the list
of coins. Some of
these latter I think I
can already promise
you.

I shall do my best
to call upon you
before my departure.
Yours very truly
John Gordon

Caixa 1164
Rio de Janeiro
11th Feb. 1921

The Secretary
New York Numismatic Society

Dear Sir:

By the hand of a friend I send
you what I have collected since the receipt
of your list, and I beg the Society's accep-
tance of the same.

There were
or more
any before
1816
we would
like
You exclude 960 th silver pieces, but
I send you one or two. These coins are
not uncommon now, but the low exchange
is sending them rapidly to the melting
pot; and I would ask you if the
following are worth sending to you.
1800 large "B" over centre of annuletary sphere
on reverse; 1819 "R" within wreath; 1821 "R" within
wreath; 1824 "B" alongside date on rim; and "R" in
same position; 1826 "R" alongside date on rim.
I have also several so badly restamped
as to be almost illegible in parts. Have
these any interest? Does a hole made
in a coin destroy its value for collections?
You might send me a fresh list
of anything you specially need.

Yours faithfully
Philip Gordon

WM. SETON GORDON
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
141 BROADWAY

9 April, 1921.

REGISTERED CABLE ADDRESS, "PURITAN."

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TELEPHONE CORTLANDT 3330

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156 Street

Dear Sirs,

I have rec^d from my brother
Mr. John Gordon of Rio de Janeiro a
bag containing silver and copper
South American coins, with instructions
to deliver same to your society as a
gift. - Will you kindly send a trusted
agent to this office to receive and re-
ceipts for them early next week. Kindly
phone me in advance, that I may remain
in - Yours truly

WM. SETON GORDON.

April 12th, 1921

John Gordon, Esq.
Caixa 1164
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dear Sir:

This is but a hasty letter to acknowledge the receipt of the coins you sent us. We got these only this afternoon from your brother who informed us that he had only just received them. As I understand that the boat leaves tomorrow, I am dropping you this preliminary line.

Any of the 960 reis before 1816 we would like. Also the 1800 with large B. and the 1821 with R, within the wreath. The 1819 we have; also the 1824 B and the 1826 R.

As nearly all of these were struck over Spanish dollars, there is no especial significance in showing this striking. A holed or very poor coin does not interest collectors.

I have not as yet had time to but glance at the pieces you sent us; nearly all of these we are very glad to get - especially the 75 and 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ reis pieces.

I will try in a few days to send you a list of all of the Brazilian pieces that we have.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Cairo 11/6/44

171
Mr. Martha Washington

7th June 1941

Lowland Wood Spr.
New York!

Dear Sir:

I have received your
letter of 19th April.

By the hand of a friend
I send you the two silver coins
you ask for.

I note what you say and
am prepared to procure a new
list of the coins you want.

Very faithfully yours
John Gordon

John Gordon
11/6/44

August 11th, 1921

John Gordon, Esq.
Caixa 1164
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

My dear Mr. Gordon:

Please pardon the delay in sending to you the list of the Brazilian coins with an eye. It has been so unfortunate this summer that it was almost impossible for me to make up this list as soon as I had hoped.

The coins, unless otherwise stated, are the Rio mint. Cst. means 'counter-stamped'; and B, Bahia. The other letters I think you will know all right.

Very truly yours,

Curator

RM/E

Paragilian coins in the collection of the 1015
Good

Good

John v	1733	400 reis	12 mm
Maria + Peter	1779	1/2 Dobra	
Peter II	1832	12,000 Reis	26 mm
"	1846	10,000 "	27 "
"	1856	5,000 "	19 mm
"	1867	20,000 "	30 mm

Silver

John W 400 reis stored in locker, + raised in 1867 300 reis
" IV 200 " " " " " " " " 350 "

Testament of John III. received to 120 and 200 reis
" " Sebastian " " 200 reis

smaller one probably be near

Peter 11 1895 640 Reis Palma mont

1696 20

10

1677 640

— 1978 —

John ✓ 1750 200 =

Sample 1 175, 320

1 17 44 150

1756 6000 7 Fox Meadows Cornhill & Camp

1551 649

— 100 —

177

Martha & Peter 1898 110

1779 320 -

1994 1000
1995 1000

1722 50

1756 1800

TWANA

1793 0202

1790 160 "

17. 2000



ORGANIZED 1858
INCORPORATED 1865

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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The science of Numismatics treats of coins and medals of the present as well as of the past, and it is important that the facts relating to all medals be recorded at the time the medals are issued; if neglected they are likely to be forgotten, and thus much valuable numismatic history may be lost. The medals last for all time, every medal has a history, and this, too, should be preserved.

The American Numismatic Society is keeping such a record of American Medals, and earnestly desires to obtain information regarding any medal that may be issued in the United States, no matter how insignificant the medal or how meager the information.

The points to be covered in a full account of a medal are:

1. Description—explaining every part of the design, and giving the inscriptions in full and exact size.
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3. In what metals issued and number struck in each.
4. By whom issued, when, and for what purpose.
5. Name of designer or of die cutter.
6. What disposition has been made of the dies.
7. Any facts of interest, historical or otherwise.

The Society is an incorporated body, free of debt. Its collections are permanent and are displayed in its own fire-proof building, which is open to the public daily. Every American coin and medal should be represented in its cabinet, and thus rendered accessible to students of American numismatics and history now and for all time.

With this end in view, the Society would request the co-operation of all who take any interest in the preservation of historical records.

Spanish Pesos counterstamped with arms 960 + 1810 for Maria

John P.R.	1810	960 R.	R. mint
" "	1810	960 -	B "
" "	1813	960 "	—
" "	1815	960 "	B "
" "	1816	960 "	R "
" "	1816	960 "	—
John VI	1818	960 "	R "
" "	1818	200 "	—
" "	—	100 "	—
" "	1819	400 "	—
" "	1820	960 "	R "
" "	1820	960 "	B "
" "	1820	640 "	R "

Sp American Pesos cat. 960 c in mint for Cayaba.

John VI	1821	960 "	R
Peter I	1824	960 "	R "
"	1826	960 "	R "

Peter II 1834 1200 Reis

" "	2000 Reis	1852	1855
" "	1000 "	1853	1858 1859 1860 1863
" "	500 "	1850	1851 1860 1861 1865
" "	200 "	1854	1855 1857 1865 1866 1867
" "	with head	1000 Reis	1866
" "	"	500 "	1866
" "	"	200 "	1867 1868

Republic	500 Reis	1889, 1906	1913
"	2000 "	1897 (head), 1900 (ship)	1907 (head) 1913 (2 vars).
"	1000 "	1913	(2 vars)

Copper unless otherwise indicated as Argent

80 Reis 1812 1813 1815 (cat 20) 1820 B 1821 1821 B 1822 B
 1822 1824 1825 ^{1825 B} 1827 1827 cat 40, 1828 SP, 1828 cat 40
 1828 C cat 20 1828 G cat 20 1829 1829 cat 40, 1829 B
 1829 B cat 40, ¹⁸³⁰ 1830 B 1830 cat 40 1830 cat M 1831
 1831 cat 40 1832 1832 cat 40, 1832 cat MXX
 1832 cat M

75 Reis 1818 M, 1821 M

40 Reis 1760 1762 1774 1778 1781 1786 1790 1796 1802
 1802 1812 (B) ¹⁸¹² 1816 (B) 1817 (B) 1818 1820 1820 cat M,
 1820 small 1821 1822 1823 ^{1823 cat 20} 1824 ^{1824 cat 20} 1824 cat M, ^{1824 C} 1825
 1825 (B cat 20) 1826 1826 B 1826 cat 20 1826 C 1826 C cat 10
 1827 1827 cat 20 1827 G 1827 G 1828 1828 C 1828 cat 10
 1829 1830 1830 cat 20 1830 C cat 10 1832
 head 1873 1874 1875
 arms 1889

40 Reis cat CEARA in olar

37½ Reis 1821 M 1825 M 1826 M

WHEREAS, at the Annual Meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, held on the 16th day of March, 1891, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favor of securing a house for the use of the Society, and of raising the sum of \$50,000 for that purpose. And, whereas the following members of the Society, namely: Messrs. Andrew C. Zabriskie, H. Russell Drowne, Herbert Valentine, Charles Pryer, William Poillon and Daniel Parish, Jr., were at said meeting appointed a Committee for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions towards such society house.

Now, we, the undersigned, hereby subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names here below, it being understood that our subscriptions shall only be binding upon us when the sum of \$40,000 is subscribed, and that such subscriptions shall be due and payable three months after said sum is subscribed (on notification from the Treasurer of the Society), or at such other time as may be specified by a subscriber in connection with his subscription.

And, when the amount of \$40,000 is payable, it shall be deposited at interest in one of the Trust Companies in New York City, until, in the discretion of the committee, a suitable house has been obtained.

20 Pins 1694 1714 1731 1735 1747 1754 1774 1786 1787
 1788 1789 1794 1797 1803 1813 1814 1820 1825 1829 1830 1831
 1821 1822 1823 1825 1826 1828 est 10, 1829 1830 1830 est 10
 head 1868 1869
 arms 1884 1893 1897 1899 1904 1908 1911

10 Pins 1749 1753 1774 1775 1781 1784 1786 1787 1799 1802 1803
 1805 1806 1811 1815 1816 1817 1818 1820 1821 1822 1823
 1828 B . head 1868 1869 1870

~~10 Pins not copied in this~~

5 Reis 1766 1768 1773 1774 1787 1790 1791

Nickel
400 Reis head 1901
200 Reis 1870 1884 1882 1887 1889 1892 1895
head 1901

100 Reis 1871 1877 1888 1889
head 1901

50 Reis 1886 1887 head 1914 1919

20 Reis 1918

August 25th, 1922

Touche Niven Co.
42 Broadway
New York City

Gentlemen:

Has the information regarding Mr. John Gordon
been returned to Brazil? If he is still in this
country, where would be the best place to write to
him?

Very truly yours,

Curator

Rio
3^d April 1923

Howland Wood Esq.
Acting Secretary

Dear Mr. Wood:

By the hand of a friend, Lou^r Angelfield, R.N., who is passenger in the "Vasari", I send you:

one new silver \$24000.

one new bronze \$14000.

one new bronze \$14000 which has "Basil" instead of "Prail".

one new bronze 500^{rs}.

I am promised a 500^{rs} piece with "Basil", and shall send it when got.

Please accept them for the Society.

It is not yet clear if this mistake of "Basil" was intentional or not.

I have not forgotten the gold bar from Minas. I am trying to get one with the certificate, which is difficult but not impossible.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely
John Gordon.

TELEPHONE CALL

..... *A. M.* / *Date*.....
..... *P. M.*

From Mr......

of.....

Phone No......

For Mr......

Said:

Brown Inglefield
Est. 1888
H W 43

**And for your Printing, Engraving, Stationery and Office
Supplies go to**

MILLER-HUTMACHER CO., Inc.

57 Dey Street

New York City, N. Y.

Telephone Cortlandt 4712-3

Received by.....

Kin
3rd April 1923

Howland, Wood St.
Selling, Verclary

Dear Mr. Wood:

By the hand of a friend, Louie Angelfield, R.N., who is passenger in the "Laurie", I send you:

one new silver \$25.00.

one new bronze \$10.00.

one new bronze \$15.00 which has "Phail" instead of "Phail".

one new bronze \$5.00.

I am promised a 50¢ piece with "Phail", and shall send it when got.

Please accept them for the Society.

It is not yet clear if this mistake of "Phail" was intentional or not.

I have not forgotten the gold but from Minas. I am trying to get one with the certificate, which is difficult but not impossible.

With kind regards, I am
Yours sincerely,
Robertson.

April 18th, 1923

John Gordon, Esq.
C/o Messrs. E. Gordon & Company
Rio de Janeiro, S.A.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Your letter just received, and I am
looking forward to the arrival of the coin
which you are sending up by Commander Ingle-
field. We greatly appreciate your continued
interest in our welfare.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HT/E

May 5th, 1923

John Gordon, Esq.
C/o Messrs. E. Gordon & Co.
Rio Janeiro, Brazil

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We have received from Commander Inglesfield the coins which you very kindly sent to the Society through him, and I want to thank you again very much for your thought of us. We are very glad indeed to add these pieces to our Cabinet.

Appreciating your continued interest in the Society, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

DW/

Recd
21st Feb. 1924

The Secretary
The "Numismatic Society"
Broadway at 156th Street
New York.

Dear Sir: By the kindness
of M^r George W^m Foster
Brayⁿ Consul General at
Baltimore, I am able
to send to you the
500 reis piece "Basil"
I promised you some
time ago.
Please accept with it
my thanks for Monographs
sent to me.

I am
Yours faithfully
Chas. F. Moore

of 81 Madison Ave.

Recd
21st Feb. 1924

The Secretary
The "Mennonite Society"
Broadway at 156th Street
New York.

Dear Sir, By the kindness
of Mr. George W. Chester
Pres. "Council General of
Baltimore, I am able
to send to you the
50000 piece "Bible"
I promised you some
time ago.
I have accepted of it
and thank you for the
kind gift.

Yours faithfully
J. H. G. G.

17 Star St.

No 514

March 19th, 1924

George W. Chester, Esq.
Rm. 514, 17 State Street
New York

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly deliver to
bearer the coin from Mr. John Gordon
of Rio de Janeiro.

Very truly yours,

Curator

March 22nd, 1924

John Gordon, Esq.

C/o Messrs. E. Johnson & Co.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S.A.

Dear Sir:

We have received through Mr. George
W. Chester the 500 reis piece "Ebasil", which
you have so kindly sent to the Society. We
are very glad to add this piece to our Cabinet
and I beg that you will accept the Society's
sincere thanks for your kind thought.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Rio
15th April 1914

Woodland Wood Esq.
The "Numismatic Society"
New York

Dear Sir:

I thank you for
your letter of 22nd March.
In response I am sending
you some of the stamps you
ask for.

If I can get a friend
aboard the steamer to take
charge of the letter, I shall
put into it a 75 reis piece
of 1819 M^o for the Society.

If not, I shall send
the stamps only; for the
coin would not reach you
by mail.

Yours sincerely

John Gordon

P.S. I can — and shall if you
so desire it — send you many
more of the common red 200
for purposes of exchange
J.G.

W. H. H.
John Gordon

May 13th, 1924

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Kinsolving
The Princess Anne Hotel
Ocean Front at 25th St.
Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you very much for
kindly forwarding the letter addressed
to me from Mr. John Gordon. This has
safely come to hand, and I greatly ap-
preciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

May 21st, 1924

John Gordon, Esq.

Rio de Janeiro, S.A.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Many thanks for the 75-reis piece and the stamps, which came safely to hand the other day. Do not bother to send me more of the red 200-reis as I have sufficient for exchange and have but little opportunity for trading. Nevertheless, I greatly appreciate your kindness.

With kind regards, and renewed thanks, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

St. Vestrus

Cairo Ma

Howland Wood Esq.
New York.

14th May 1925

Dear Sir:

By the hand of
a friend, Mr. W. H. Troop, who
is a passenger in the "Vestrus"
I send you some samples
of the 1924 coinage here,
which please accept for
the Society's collection.
I am still hoping to
obtain a piece of stamped
Minas gold with the accom-
panying certificate of payment
of the Royal Quint.

I can get the gold without
the certificate or the certificate
without the gold, but I hope
to get both. There is a collec-
tion on sale as a whole, but
it may be broken up in
the end; and in that case
I think I can get what we
want.

Yours sincerely
John Gordon

2^d letter.
for "Kestris" 1810
14th May 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

Mr. Troop
will let you know
by telephone where
to send and fetch
the letter with the
three coins.

Yours sincerely
J. M. Gordon

Howland Wood Esq.
New York

P^x "Southern Cross"

Rio
25th May 1925

Dear Mr. Wood:

My friend
Mr. Troop has delayed his
journey, and will sail in
the "Voltaire" from here on
3rd inst. arriving in N. York
about the 16th June.

We will leave the letter
with the coins at the
Canadian Shipping Agency
25 South William Street
with orders for delivery to
your representative.

Yours sincerely
John Gordon

CANADIAN SHIPPING AGENCY, INC.

TELEPHONE BROAD 2366

25 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET

NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS

"CANENGENCY, NEW YORK"

IN REPLY REFER TO

66340/6-1-6-

June 20, 1925.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. S. P. Noe, Secy.

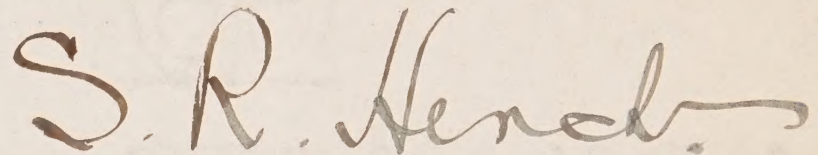
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Gentlemen:

In accordance with your letter of the
19th inst. we are sending you under separate cover
by registered mail coins received by us from Brazil
to be forwarded to your Society.

Very truly yours,
CANADIAN SHIPPING AGENCY, INC.,

By



CLAIM AGENT.

SRH/ADC.

June 23, 1925

Mr. John Gordon
Caixa 1164
Rio de Janeiro
Brazil

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for the three coins that you sent up through Mr. Troop. These came to hand the other day. We had none of these and consequently we are glad to get them.

I beg to thank you also for your attention in trying to locate one of those Minas gold bars accompanied by a certificate.

Very truly yours

HW C

Curator

June 23, 1925

Canadian Shipping Agency
25 South William Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the
coins sent to us from Brazil by John Gordon.

These came up through Mr. Troop.

Very truly yours

HW C

Curator